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| 10. | Project Development of India (PDIL) | Technical audit of Fertilizer Plants | 2007-08 |
| 11. | Project Development of India (PDIL) | Setting up of Pilot Plant for Recovery of Nickel from Spent Catalysts | 2007-08 |

***Statement-II***

*Details of Projects for last three years of Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals*

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) was granted Grant-in-Aid after getting the Technical Evaluation and IFD approval for undertaking the following Research Activities during 2005-06 and 2006-07

2005-06

(i) Preparation of Standards of impurities and degradation products;

(ii) Targeting Oxide Stress-Advanced Glycatien end products Pathway in Diabetic Neuropathy;

(iii) Production of Chiral Precursor(S)-1-(2-Thienyl);

(iv) Development of Novel Anti Parastic Agents Design and synthesis;

2006-07

(v) Design Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of New Chemical Entities as Anti-Inflammatory Agents:

(vi) Green Technology for Synthesis of Cardiovascular Drugs.

2007-08

Nil

**Subsidy to Madras Fertilizers Ltd.**

38. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tariff Commission's recommendations on the issue of subsidy for complex fertilizers have been received by Department of Fertilizers in December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the viability of Madras Fertilizers;

(c) whether it is a fact that a financial restructuring proposal of the company is pending before the Government since long; and

(d) if so, by when this will be finalized and taken up for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) M/s Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL) manufactures NPK complex fertilizer grade, 17-17-17, MFL uses naphtha and urea mix as feedstock for manufacture of 17-17-17. The Tariff Commission recommended normative delivered cost of complex fertilizers group-wise based on the feed stock used for deriving nitrogen 'N', namely natural gas, naphtha, ammonia-urea mix and ammonia. MFL has been grouped by the Tariff Commission in the naphtha group. Since there was variation in the cost of 'N' of different units within group, Individual 'N' price for each unit has been adopted instead of weighted average group price recommended by the Tariff Commission. For example, the weighted average group price of 'N' for naphtha group in which MFL falls is Rs. 295 per 'N' while MFL's cost is Rs. 326 per 'N'. Adopting group average price of Rs. 295 per 'N' would have resulted in under recovery by MFL of Rs. 31 per 'N'. As such, Government has adopted the actual cost incurred by MFL and thereby compensates MFL for its cost. Escalation/de-escalation in price of inputs is given uniformly to all units.

(c) and (d) A proposal for financial restructuring of MFL is under the active consideration of the Government. This will also entail some commitment/relief from Financial Institutions. Since the proposal also involves restructuring of the share capital of the company, the matter is under consultation with the minority shareholders, namely, M/s Naftiran Intertrade Company (NICO) of Iran whose response in the matter is under examination. As such, it is not possible to indicate a firm schedule for implementation of the restructuring proposal.

**Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims**

39. SHRI R.C. SINGH:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed to set up an Empowered Commission to rehabilitate the survivors and victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) As decided by the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to oversee the matters related to Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, in their meeting held on 11th June 2008, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals prepared a Draft Proposal on the Terms of Reference, modalities, functions, powers, headquarters and other related requirements for setting up of the proposed Empowered Commission on Rehabilitation of the Victims of Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, of December, 1984. After approval of the Chairman of the GoM, the Proposal for setting up of the Empowered Commission with draft Terms of Reference covering, *Inter-alia*,